LETTER TO EDITOR:

Pamplin, Va.
Times-Virginian, Appomattox, Va.
Dear Sir,

I have written a research paper on Rivers of the World. I am in the seventh grade and I read it to my class, and they seemed to enjoy it very much. I would appreciate it very much if you would print it.

Ernest Harris.

RIVERS OF THE WORLD

The rivers of the world are important in many ways. Civilization has developed from many of the world's rivers.

The world's swiftest, widest and third longest is the Amazon in South America.

The Amazon is in Northern Brazil. The great Amazon contains more water than the Nile, the Mississippi and the Yantze put together.

The current of the Amazon can be felt 200 miles out at sea.

The Amazon was discovered in 1581 by a Spaniard by the name of Francisco Orellana. The Amazon at its greatest width is 150 miles at its mouth. Its greatest depth is 200 feet, but its average depth is 100 feet for several miles from the mouth.

The Amazon has very good food, also. There are over 750 different kinds of fish in the Amazon, One of them is the 400 pound 'river whale.' The Amazon is the main food supply of many people.

The Amazon is very good for transportation. Ships can enter the Amazon and go far into Brazil.

The world's longest river and having the second largest delta is the Mississippi.

The Mississippi's total length is 2,466 miles. It begins at Little Elk Lake to the Gulf of Mexico. Also it was discovered by Hernando de Soto. Also Robert La Salle, a great French Christian discovered the Mississippi River and the Mississippi Valley. Robert La Salle was buried in the Mississippi by his followers so that unfriendly Indians wouldn't get his body.

The Mississippi was thought at one time to join the Pacific Ocean, until two great explorers from France proved it didn't. These two great explorers were Jacques Marquette and Lewis Joliet. They went down the Mississippi in two row boats.

They proved that the Mississippi did not flow into the Pacific, but into the Gulf of Mexico. After Marquette and Joliet came to America they were joined by a band of friendly Indians, who went with them on their journey down the Mississippi River.

The world's second longest river is the Nile. The Nile begins in the plateau of Africa. The Nile flows north. Most farms in Egypt are on the Nile.

The Nile delta is very large. It is about a fifth the size of Egypt itself. About a third of Egypt's farms are in the delta region. The people of Egypt are very proud of the Nile and the delta region.

Ships can enter the mouth of the Nile and go almost all the way across Egypt. It is a very famous river.

The world's only river that serves as a God is the Yantze The Yantze is worshipped by many Indians. The Yantze is in northern India, and west China. The Chinese don't worship the Yantze, like the Indians do.

The Yantze is too swift for transportation very far up its course. But ships can enter its mouth and go into a few large ports.

There are many more rivers. Some rivers were explored by trying to find new routes. The settlers thought at Jamestown that the James River was the waterway to China.

IRRIGATION INCREASES ON FLUE-CURED TOBACCO

"Irrigated flue-cured tobacco acreage in Virginia has increased almost 200 percent in the last five years," says J. Nick Jones, Jr. is an agricultural engineer with the Agricultural Research Service, U. S. Department of Agricultural and is stationed at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

In 1954, only 200 farmers reported using irrigation, but by 1959 there were over 1400. Today better than 9,000 acres of flue-cured tobacco is irrigated.

Drought conditions in the Southern Piedmont have not been entirely responsible for this boom in irrigation, says Jones. He agrees that this is a primary concern, but many farmers are using supplemental water as a means of getting maxium per-acre production.

He adds, "Tobacco buyers and processors generally agree that moderate irrigation tends to maintain good quality, while excessive irrigation brings out many of the undesirable aspects of quality."

Irrigation is most helpful to the tobacco plant at transplanting time and during the period of growth from knee-high to bloom. About one-half inch of supplemental water at transplanting time will reduce transplant shock and get plants off to a good start.

According to Jones, "Result from our irrigation experiment near Chatham indicates that the crucial stage of growth begins when tobacco is about knee-high. This continues until the plants are in full bloom or topped. During this period plant development is rapid and water demands are highest. Also it is during this time that leaf quality and yield are largely determind. Three seasons' experiments sh approximately 3½ inches of supplemental irrigation water, properly applied during this period are enough to provide adequate soil moisture."

Non-irrigated tobacco in the tests has averaged 1860 pounds per acre. Irrigation has given an average increase of 370 poumds per acre over the nonirrigated tobacco. This amounts to a 20 percent increase. Result also show irrigation at transplanting time gives an additional ncrease of 7 percent. Full season irrigation did not give any additional yield increase.

Increase in value from irrigation was due to increase in yield and not to improved quality of the leaf, says Jones. Moderate did not result in any marked changes in the physcial properties of the leaf. However, chemical analysis shows an increase in sugar content and a decrease in nicotine content.

Jones recommends that farmers interested in irrigation get U. S. D. A. Agricultural Information Bulletin 228 "Principles of Tobacco Irrigation."

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Sunrise Service early on Sunday morning.

Mr. J. A. Young had the misfortune to fall last Wednesday and cut his head. Several stitches were made. Hope he will soon be all right.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dixon and family spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Brien, at Roxboro, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple Paulette and daughter, of Roanoke spent Easter with his mother, Mrs. R. J. Paulette, and Mr. and Mrs. James Paulette and family.

Mrs. Kenneth St. John and Miss Rosa Mae Wooldridge took the junior girls and boys out for a hike Easter Monday evening.

Mrs. Katie Allen has returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Crewe, of Halifax.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Austin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Canada and family, of Phenix, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harvey and daughters, Linda, and Sue, of Appomattox.

Nancy Brown, of Danville spent Easter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge.

Mrs. Alberta C. Ferguson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Paulette for a while.

Rev. D. L. Bailey, of Norton, Va. and Rev. R. T. Smith, of Fairport, Va. visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and family last week.

Stonewall

Stonewall, April 3.- My, my, we are really going back into winter, instead of springtime, from the cold, windy weather we are having.

I hope every one had a real nice Easter and that no one was hurt in an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Agee, of Appomattox spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson visited in Lynchburg over the week-end, with their children, Mrs. Cantrell Smith and her family, and Mrs. E. O Showalter and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robertson on Sunday evening. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell at Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette had all their children home for Easter: Mr. and Mrs. Harry G Lawson and son, from Charlottesville; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and family and Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Nixon and Bobbie, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bag Burnett, and Tim, of Concord, and Mr. Aubrey Burnett, of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, of Appomattox, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick, and Mrs. J. H. Beard and family. Mrs. Beard is on the sick list.

Mrs. Elsie Caldwell, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr., and Kathy.

We are all so very sorry to hear Mrs. Purlie Jennings is on our sick list. We hope for this fine Christian lady a speedy recovery.

Rev. and Mrs. John Leitner visited with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on last Tuesday afternoon.

So glad to hear little Joey Bondurant has gotten home from the hospital, after an eye operation last week. We hope for him a speedy get well. He is the young son of. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bondurant, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carson, of Blacksburg and Miss Laura Carson, of Farmville spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Carey Carson, Jr.

Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Sr. motored with friends to Richmond last week to see Mrs. Richard Bondurant, who is very ill there in a hospital. Glad to hear that she is some better. Hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas had all their children home for Easter, Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Russell and children, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Radden, of Blacksburg; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Stratton and Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Tanner and Kathy, and Ray Thomas.

Mrs. Hilda Crance and daughter, Joe Anne, spent Sunday at Appomattox with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cawthorn, of Newark, N. J., spent the Easter holidays here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, Weldman, and children, of Delaware, spent the week-end here with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Thornhill.

Hollywood

Hollywood, April 3.- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. David Austin, Mrs. J. G. Franklin and Billy visited Miss Gail Webb and Dianne Smith at Virginia Baptist Hospital Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Beasley and Linda, of Arlington spent the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley. Supper guests in the same home Saturday night were Miss Dorothy Beasley and Claude Hamlett, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Banton and sons, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banton. Mrs. John Koppers, of Lynchburg visited in the same home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Daniels and children, of Petersburg spent Sunday and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Smith.

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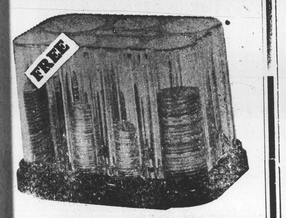
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